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COMES NOW AFFIANT ROBERT B. OAKLEY, who states as follows:

1. My name is Robert B. Oakley, and my current position is Senior Director of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and North African Affairs for the National Security Council.

2. From September of 1984 to September of 1986, I served as Director of the Office of Counterterrorism and Emergency Planning, Department of State. My title was Ambassador-at-Large for Counterterrorism. My responsibilities included coordination of activities regarding international terrorism and the United States response to terrorism.

3. I recall conversations in November 1985 with Lt. Col. Oliver North (North) regarding a problem with [REDACTED] flight clearances. To the best of my recollection and belief, these conversations included the following:

a. North stated that he was aware of Israeli arms shipments to Iran in exchange for certain intelligence [REDACTED] North indicated that he had discovered this relationship when "one of his people" went to an arms warehouse [REDACTED] to obtain arms for the Nicaraguan Resistance, and learned that the Israelis had been obtaining arms from the same source for shipment to Iran.

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b. North stated that a problem had been encountered with [REDACTED] on getting flight clearance rights for shipping the HAWK missiles through [REDACTED]

c. North stated that Secretary of State George Shultz was "aware" of this matter and that National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane was in overall charge of the operation, had been contacted in Geneva (where he was with the President and the Secretary of State) and had agreed to help get the flight clearances, if necessary by his personal intervention. Based upon these assurances by North, I authorized him to communicate with the United States Embassy [REDACTED] and to advise it that the Department of State was "aware" of the matter and the Embassy could request clearances.

d. At no time during this conversation did North mention "oil drilling equipment" as the cargo involved.

4. I recall an Operational Sub Group (OSG) meeting with North on or about May 22, 1986, at which North discussed [REDACTED] release of the American hostages. To the best of my recollection and belief, that conversation included the following:

a. North stated that he was going to be travelling

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to London [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to Cyprus. He indicated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had arranged [REDACTED]

for a \$10 million contribution [REDACTED]

b. North stated that once the money was transferred, the American hostages would be released.

c. North did not mention any planned trip to Teheran, Iran, nor any arms transactions that may have been contemplated at the time.

d. I advised the Executive Secretary of the Department of State, Nicholas Platt, of my conversation with North and the information he had provided. I advised Platt that, based on North's recitation, I was hopeful that our American hostages would be released in the near future.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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July 2, 1987
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